County Building/Fire Code Evaluation Meeting May 11, 2017

Present:

Jackie Hobby Dave Tonsing Mike Carter Larry Weber Jay Printz

By unanimous concurrence of those present and with concurrence by Roger Camper, the members agreed that the Custer County Planning and Zoning Committee will be requested by the County Board of Commissioners to explore and write a proposal for building codes and fire codes in the county to mirror those codes currently established in the Town of Silver Cliff and the Town of Westcliffe.

The attendees of the meeting identified the Pros and Cons of having a Building/Fire Code in the county as follows:

PROS

- 1. Better product produced
- 2. Reduce/eliminate inappropriate or dangerous shortcuts and cost saving activities
- 3. Higher resale value
- 4. Easier mortgage (lower debt/equity ratio)
- 5. Lower insurance costs
- 6. Health and safety of occupants (including fire/construction) safety
- 7. Equitable –Level field 1 code for everyone
- 8. Eliminate property tax evasion schemes
- 9. Protect buyers not familiar with proper building standards and adherence thereto.
- 10. Reasonable flood insurance availability

CONS

- 1. More Government interference
- 2. Additional Construction Costs (Inspection Fees/Permits)
- 3. Restricting Class of people (tent dwellers, makeshift housing, etc)
- 4. Extending building times

Additional discussion items:

- 1. County inspector added (total of 3 inspectors), with ultimate goal of one inspector for the county and towns, after current Town inspectors retire.
- 2. Incorporate the 2006 IBC (International Building Code) and 2006 IFC (International Fire Code) as the standard
 - a. Not over restrictive
 - b. Currently followed by Silver Cliff and Westcliffe